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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR SUDAN

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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT IT WOULD BE BOTH APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY FOR AMBASSADOR TO MENTION TO NIMEIRI AT YOUR PROPOSED MEETING PRIOR TO OAU SESSIONS THAT USG APPLAUDS HIS HAVING ACCEPTED THE IMF RECOMMENDATIONS AND HAVING CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF. RATHER THAN SPECIFY THAT THE USG IS CONSIDERING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU INFORM NIMEIRI THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK WITH OTHER DONORS INCLUDING THE IMF AND THE WORLD BANK TO COORDINATE THE VARIOUS FORMS OF ASSISTANCE WHICH SUDAN WILL REQUIRE. YOU MIGHT ADD THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY EXAMINING THE MECHANICS BY WHICH WE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THESE MULTINATIONAL EFFORTS.

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2. GIVEN NIMEIRI'S KEEN INTEREST IN THE SUDAN-U.S. BUSINESS COUNCIL, AMBASSADOR MAY ALSO WISH TO INFORM HIM THAT BOTH MR. MOOSE AND MR. HARROP PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL JUNE 19-20.

3. DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING SEPTTEL ON ISSUES OF PARTICULAR

INTEREST TO THE USG WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED IN
THE OAU MEETINGS.

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